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SUBJECT: OAS REFORM COUNTRY REVIEW PROCESS

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1. FROM GOP POINT OF VIEW CEPICIES (CIAP) REVIEWS IMPOSED A DISCIPLINE THAT PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT PRESENTATIONS OF COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERCHANGE IN A THOUGHTFUL ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN KEY COUNTRY OFFICIALS, THE "WISE MEN" OF CEPICIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DONOR INSTITUTIONS. MISSION BELIEVES CONTINUATION OF THAT KIND OF EXERCISE USEFUL. GOP'S USE OF THE FORUM IN THAT WAY IN THE PAST SUGGESTS GOP WOULD ALSO FAVOR ITS CONTINUATION.

2. PUTTING THE REVIEW UNDER IDB WOULD MAKE PARTICIPATION BY OTHER DONOR INSTITUTIONS SUBORDINATE AND THUS PERHAPS LESS MEANINGFUL. IT WOULD ALSO RUN THE RISK OF SUBMISSIONS AND FINDINGS BEING SLANTED IN FAVOR OF IDB.

3. WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY REACTION FROM GOP OR US REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING CEPICIES REVIEWS WHICH SUGGESTS THAT REVIEW PROCESS NEEDS UPDATING OR IMPROVEMENT. OBVIOUSLY THE CALIBER OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS MAKES A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE, AND THE QUALITY OF THE HOST COUNTRY AND OTHER DONOR REPRESENTATIVES WILL REFLECT

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THE QUALITY OF THE CEPICIES LEADERSHIP AND STAFF.

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